



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6894**  
Takuma HATTORI et al. : Docket No. 99-0326A  
Serial No. 09/273, 261 : Group Art Unit 2871  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated May 8, 2003, the period for response  
having been extended for one month by the attached petition.